years of scarcity it is inconvenient to take steps under Section 97 during the year for which the rent is due. It is therefore prayed that the Land Revenue Code may be amended so as to make the rent a charge on the land.

Mr. Raghavachar presented a written representation signed by several inamdars.

Mr. Ramaswami Chetty spoke against any additional facilities being given to Inamdars.

Reply of Government.—It is recognised that inamdars do stand in need of some relief. The question of amending the Land Revenue Code so as to facilitate the recovery of arrears due to superior holders will be investigated.

SUBJECT No. 24.

Amendment of Stamp Regulation, II of 1900.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, B.A., LL.B., Shimoga Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—Section 40 (*b*) enacts that a penalty of Rs. 5 or of ten times the proper duty or of the deficient portion thereof, should be levied. This is very hard. The Deputy Commissioner has no discretion in the matter when he thinks that a penalty of Rs. 5 is too small and the alternative penalty is too high. To obviate this difficulty the section may be amended by inserting the words "of a sum not exceeding" between "if he thinks fit" and "ten times the amount," etc. Section 37 of the old Act (I of 1879) gave such a discretion.

Section 35 (*a*) may also be amended as above suggested.

Reply of Government.—The point will be noted for needful action when the Stamp Regulation is next taken up for revision.

SUBJECT No. 25.

Power to recover arrears due to Agricultural Banks under Section 194 of the Land Revenue Code.

Mr. H. V. Bhima Rao, Malur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Agricultural Banks in the State were established with the benevolent object of ameliorating the condition of the poor agriculturists and thus saving them from the clutches of the relentless usurers. In spite of the stringent measures adopted by the Banks to enforce payments punctually, many of the members are in arrears, owing to causes beyond their control. Adoption of compulsory measures to recover the arrears through Civil Courts is very expensive. It is therefore desirable that the Bank authorities should be empowered to realize the arrears under Section 194 of the Land Revenue Code, as the capital advanced to the Banks is Government money.

Mr. Lakshminarasimhachar spoke against the proposal.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be done.

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SUBJECT No. 26.

A Judicial Committee in the Mysore Council.

Messrs. M. Hassan Ali Beg and A. Anniah Pandit.

Summary of discussion.—Appeals against the decision of the High Court can be made to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in London. A similar Committee may

be formed in the Mysore Council also for Civil and Criminal cases.

Mr. Annial Pandit said that a Judicial Committee might be appointed at least in connection with murder cases, or that the jury system might be introduced.

Reply of Government.—In knowledge of law, the members of the Council cannot be superior to the Judges of the Chief Court. At present the Chief Court is a body independent of Government. The placing of the Council over the Chief Court will be prejudicial to the independence of that Court. And then again, by having so many Courts one above the other there will be no finality in judicial matters.

As regards murder cases, memorials submitted to His Highness by condemned prisoners receive due consideration.

SUBJECT No. 27.

Civil Court process servers to obtain the patel's signature for every summons served.

Mr. Lakshminaranappa, Heggaddevankote Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Batta amins and process servers from Civil Courts are very indifferent in the matter of serving processes. Persons favored by them will have their summonses served sooner. In other cases they are needlessly delayed with the result that the parties are put to much inconvenience and expense. It is therefore prayed that a ruling be made that every summons served should bear the attestation either of the shanbhog or of the village patel.

Reply of Government.—The suggestion will be referred to the Chief Court for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 28.

Estimate of properties attached by Civil Courts in satisfaction of decrees and confirmation of sales.

Messrs. Padmanna, Linge Gowda and S. R. Balakrishna Rao.

Summary of discussion.—In several instances sales held in the execution of a decree of a Civil Court are not confirmed in spite of the due publication of the *istihar* and non-existence of objections to their confirmation. Besides, there is a restriction that a higher bid should be offered than the estimated amount of property, although this estimate exceeds the actual value of the same; this restriction should be removed and the property knocked down to the highest bidder irrespective of the value put upon it.

Mr. Balakrishna Rao spoke against any change being made in the existing practice.

Reply of Government.—No change is necessary.

SUBJECT No. 29.

Copies of decrees to be granted in Kanarese in certain Civil Courts.

Mr. V. Raghavachar, Advocate, Nanjangud Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that copies of decrees of the Civil Courts, *viz.*, the Court of the Sub-Judge, District Judge and Chief Court be ordered to be granted in the vernacular language to parties who apply for them.

Reply of Government.—The Chief Court will be requested to arrange for giving Kanarese translations of decrees free of charge in all Courts.